

DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in response to applicants' communication filed on 9/13/10.

Claims 2-8, 12-14 and 17-21 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 9-11 and 15-16 have been canceled.

Objection of claims 2-8 , 13-14 and 17-21 are hereby withdrawn, subsequent to applicants' amendments.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

Claim 12 recites the limitation "wherein A1, A2, A3, and A4 independently represent a carbon atom, a nitrogen atom, or an oxidized nitrogen atom" in lines 1-2 below the chemical formula of claim 12. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. This claim depends from claim 2, and claim 2 defines A1, A2, A3 and A4 to be C only, thus failing to further limit the scope of claim 2, and lacking the antecedent basis.

It is requested that in claims 19-21, "preventing" be replaced with - - treating - -, as absolute prevention is not known in the art.

Claims 2-8, 13-14 and 17-21 are free of prior art and are allowable.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not

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mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SHAILENDRA KUMAR whose telephone number is (571)272-0640. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri/5-4-9.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sullivan Daniel can be reached on (571)272-0779. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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